

## **DOA Administrative Letter No. 03-5**

**To:** Area Agency on Aging Directors

**Subject:** SFY 03-04 Regional Allocations

**Date:** March 25, 2003

Enclosed, please find the SFY 03-04 regional allocations for the following:

1. Planning and Administration;
2. Title III-B, VII, and State funded Ombudsman and Elder Abuse;
3. Minimum budget amounts for in-home services, access services, and legal services;
4. Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funding;
5. Title III-E Family Caregiver Support funding;
6. Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding; and
7. State Senior Center Outreach

The Division received FFY 03 Older Americans Act funding authorization from the Administration on Aging several days ago. Overall, the Division received a \$255,913 decrease in Title III funding from FFY 02 levels. This is due to reductions in Congressional appropriations for Titles III Supportive Services and Congregate Meals and an additional across-the-board 0.65% reduction for most non-defense federal appropriations. Despite the across-the-board reductions, the Division received increases for Home Delivered Meals, Health Promotion, and Family Caregiver Support. (If increases for Health Promotion and Family Caregiver Support are not taken into account, federal Title III reductions for HCCBG services total \$565,400.) The overall reduction in Title III funding does result in a \$25,645 reduction in P&A funding. The Division received a net gain of \$20,468 in Title VII funding, all of which is being provided to area agencies.

There is an increase of \$407,101 in SFY 03-04 HCCBG funding over current funding. This is because \$1,000,000 in FFY 02 Older Americans Act funding was used to offset one-half of the SFY 01-02 state HCCBG funding reductions rather than being allocated for SFY 02-03 and FY 03 federal Title III HCCBG services have been reduced by \$565,400.

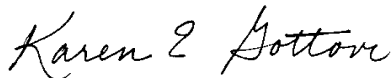
We are allocating state HCCBG funding based on current availability. If appropriations should change through action of the General Assembly, we will adjust allocations upon authorization of the SFY 03-04 State Budget.

You will note that the demographic information for the SFY 03-04 Intrastate Funding Formula is unchanged from SFY 02-03. The Division made the decision to not change formula distribution this year. We understand from the State Data Center that further adjustments to 2000 census estimates may be made this summer. The Division will be preparing to convene a workgroup later this summer to review the funding formula and make any decisions for revision to coincide with SFY 04-05 allocations. We will discuss this further at the AAA meeting on April 3.

Area Agencies will now make decisions concerning III-B Ombudsman funding needs and county equity. SFY 03-04 county funding equity targets are provided on the SFY 03-04 County Funding chart in the Target H&CCBG column. Prior to April 11, area agencies not already meeting county equity targets are to review these targets and make any adjustments based on county equity plans established in Exhibit 15 of the current Area Plan. (Currently, county equity considerations only apply to Region B). Area agencies are to return the attached county funding format to Gary Cyrus by April 11. If, based upon funding in the Target H&CCBG column, no changes are being made in county allocations, indicate "no change" in the Revised Target H&CCBG Total column of the attached worksheet. The Division will review this information and will, jointly with each area agency on aging, provide Home and Community Care Block Grant funding to each county no later than April 25.

Please contact Gary Cyrus at (919) 733-8390 or at [gary.cyrus@ncmail.net](mailto:gary.cyrus@ncmail.net) with any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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